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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY KATZ

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SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE ISSUES IN US-JAPAN CIVIL AVIATION  
RELATIONS

1. TWO IMMEDIATE ISSUES THREATEN TO ESCALATE ALREADY  
TROUBLED US-JAPANESE CIVIL RELATIONS, NAMELY, GOJ FAILURE  
TO APPROVE NORTHWEST JUNE 8 SCHEDULE AND JAPANESE DENIAL  
OF SLOTS AT NARITA TO TRANS INTERNATIONAL AIRLINE (TIA).  
DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT USEFUL IF YOU COULD MENTION THESE  
ISSUES TO YOUR JAPANESE COUNTERPART IN TALKS AT GENEVA  
IN ORDER BRING US CONCERNS OVER TREND IN OUR CIVIL  
RELATIONS, AND ITS POSSIBLE IMPACT ON BROADER RELATIONS  
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TO ATTENTION SENIOR GOJ LEVELS.

2. JAPANESE GOVERNMENT HAS STILL NOT ACTED ON NORTHWEST  
(NW) JUNE 8 SCHEDULE. AS YOU KNOW, BECAUSE OF NW  
PILOT STRIKE, ACTUAL CONFRONTATION HAS BEEN POSTPONED.  
HOWEVER, ONCE STRIKE IS SETTLED, ABSENCE OF APPROVAL OF  
JUNE 8 SCHEDULE MEANS THAT ONLY EFFECTIVELY APPROVED SCHEDULE

IS AN EARLIER ONE WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE OPERATIONAL CHANGES NOW DESIRED BY NW (PARTICULARLY INVOLVING SEOUL FLIGHTS). NW WOULD THUS EITHER HAVE TO CANCEL CERTAIN FLIGHTS TO ACCOMMODATE JAPANESE LEGAL POSITION OR TO DEFY JAPANESE BY OPERATING AMENDED JUNE 8 SCHEDULE.

YOU MAY WISH TO NOTE USG AMENDED NW JUNE 8 SCHEDULE TO ACCOMMODATE JAPANESE REQUEST THAT NW NOT INCREASE ITS CURRENT NUMBER SLOTS AT NARITA.

3. JAPANESE HAVE REFUSED TO AUTHORIZE OPERATION OF FIVE TIA CHARTERS DURING JULY CITING ABSENCE SLOTS AT NARITA. JAPANESE ALSO POINT OUT NO SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINE QUOTA WAS EVER ALLOCATED FOR 1978. JAPANESE REFUSAL IS CONTRARY TO US REQUEST THAT GOJ MEET AT LEAST MINIMUM US SUPPLEMENTAL NEEDS DURING SUMMER AND IS DIFFICULT TO RATIONALIZE IN VIEW OF SLOTS MADE AVAILABLE BY NW STRIKE AND FACT THERE HAS OTHERWISE BEEN MINOR INCREASE OF SLOTS AVAILABLE AT NARITA. NACA IS THREATENING TO PETITION USCAB TO RESTRICT JAPANESE OFF-ROUTE CHARTERS, WHICH WOULD RESULT IN IMMEDIATE ESCALATION OF DIFFERENCES.

4. EMBASSY TOKYO MAY WISH TO MAKE PARALLEL APPROACH TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOJ.

5. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, CAB IS UNLIKELY TO TAKE ACTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGAINST JAPANESE OFF-ROUTE CHARTERS, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. HOWEVER, INTERAGENCY AVIATION POLICY COMMITTEE CONCLUDED THAT APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE MADE TO GOJ TO EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE US ATTACHES TO NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT FOR US SUPPLEMENTAL AIRLINES AND FACT THAT CAB APPROVES JAL CHARTERS ON BASIS OF RECIPROCITY. CHRISTOPHER

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